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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. STATEMENT (GENEVA 5706), AS AMENDED BY DEPARTMENT (SEPTEL), TO BE GIVEN BY AMBASSADOR SHERER AT SEPTEMBER 13 NAC CONSULTATIONS REFLECTS CURRENT US POSITION ON EFFORT TO DEFINE ESSENTIAL ALLIED REQUIREMENTS AT CSCE. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO BROAD POINTS RAISED BY SYG LUNS AT NATO PERMREPS' LUNCH SEPTEMBER 10 (REF A), AS WELL AS HANDLING OF FOUR POWER RIGHTS ISSUE AT CSCE (REF B).

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2. RE LUNS QUESTIONS, YOU MAY NOTE THAT: (A) WE

CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT BOTH POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE FOR THE ALLIES TO IDENTIFY THEIR OBJECTIVES AT CSCE MORE PRECISELY. THUS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW IN NATO CAUCUS AT GENEVA REVISED BASKET 3 TEXTS PRESENTLY UNDER PREPARATION BY EC-NINE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE THE REACTIONS OF THE ALLIES TO SPECIFIC TEXTS PUT FORWARD JULY 23 BY US DEL AT GENEVA ON RIGHT TO TRAVEL, WORKING CONDITIONS FOR JOURNALISTS, BROADCAST AND FILMED INFORMATION, AND ACCESS TO READING ROOMS. OUR OBJECTIVE REMAINS TO DEVELOP REALISTIC AND NEGOTIABLE TEXTS EMBRACING AGREED ALLIED POSITIONS.

(B) ONCE ALLIES AGREE TO TEXTUAL FORMULATIONS, WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED APPROPRIATELY TO THE EAST AS A FIRM AND CLEAR BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

(C) WE EXPECT SOVIETS TO DISPLAY ONLY LIMITED FLEXIBILITY AT OUTSET OF RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, ESPECIALLY ON KEY ISSUES OF CBM'S AND BASKET 3. IT IS PRECISELY TO STIMULATE SOVIETS TOWARD MORE REASONABLE STANCE ON BASKET 3 ISSUES THAT WE BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD ADVANCE TO THE EAST REALISTIC NEGOTIATING POSITIONS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. AS FOR THE TIMETABLE FOR PURSUIT OF NEGOTIATIONS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ACHIEVE CONCRETE RESULTS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

3. RE HANDLING OF FOUR POWER RIGHTS ISSUE AT CSCE (REF B), WE CONCUR IN SUGGESTION BY EMBASSY BONN THAT, IF FRANCE AND UK AGREE, FRENCH WOULD INTRODUCE LANGUAGE IN SEPTEMBER 13 NAC CONSULTATIONS WITH SHORT ORAL STATEMENT SUPPORTED BY US, UK, AND FRG REPS.

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